

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain Brings Much Relief

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 10, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

| Crop | This Week | Last Week | 2011 | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| | Percent | | | |
| Corn Silked | 46 | 27 | 15 | 25 |
| Corn Dough | 14 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Cotton Planted | 100 | 99 | 91 | 94 |
| Cotton Squaring | 24 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Peanuts Planted | 95 | 95 | 75 | 85 |
| Peanuts Pegged | 6 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Soybeans Planted | 80 | 65 | 63 | 72 |
| Soybeans Emerged | 61 | 51 | 46 | 58 |
| Soybeans Blooming | 2 | N/A | 0 | 1 |
| Hay Harvested – First Cutting | 98 | 95 | 86 | 74 |
| Winter Wheat Harvested | 79 | 50 | 52 | 27 |

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

| Crop | Very | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|------|------|------|------|
| | Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Exc. |
| | Percent | | | | |
| Corn | 3 | 6 | 22 | 58 | 11 |
| Cotton | 0 | 0 | 29 | 68 | 3 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 0 | 12 | 88 | 0 |
| Soybeans | 0 | 0 | 25 | 75 | 0 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 2 | 20 | 70 | 8 |
| Livestock | 0 | 3 | 21 | 65 | 11 |
| Pasture & Range | 3 | 7 | 35 | 50 | 5 |

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

| | Days Suitable | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| | | Percent | | | |
| District 10 | 4.7 | 6 | 18 | 76 | 0 |
| District 20 | 5.6 | 5 | 40 | 55 | 0 |
| District 30 | 5.7 | 0 | 26 | 74 | 0 |
| District 40 | 6.1 | 0 | 20 | 80 | 0 |
| District 50 | 6.0 | 0 | 18 | 62 | 20 |
| District 60 | 6.3 | 13 | 42 | 45 | 0 |
| State: Current Week | 5.7 | 4 | 27 | 66 | 3 |
| State: Previous Week | 6.3 | 15 | 36 | 49 | 0 |

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Doyle Dutton, FSA CED, said Lawrence County received much needed rains this past week. Susan Minor, FSA CED, stated

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some areas in Morgan County received rain on Sunday, but it was not enough to saturate the ground. Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed corn in Jackson County will benefit from the 2 inches of rain received this weekend. Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, said farmers in Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties welcomed rains received at the latter part of the week. Dan Moore, Director of Alabama Experiment Station, stated Autauga County received nearly a half-inch of rain. Brenda Glover, REA ACES, reported scattered showers in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. Wyatt Hendry, FSA CED, confirmed Washington and Clarke Counties appreciation of the much needed rains. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, said many producers are experiencing very dry conditions, although Conecuh County received scattered showers. Karen McDonald stated crops in Monroe County are in good condition, but it is critical to receive more rain. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, reported recent rains in Covington County are not enough. Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, also confirmed Covington County needed more rain to assist crops and pastures. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, said rain recorded in Crenshaw County ranged from 2 to 8 inches. Jimmy Todd, ACES CEC, reported excessive rains, over 15 inches in some areas, has water sogged some of the heavier land in Mobile County.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, said cooler temperatures at night are affecting cotton in Marion and Winston Counties. Malone also said producers were delayed from planting soybeans behind wheat due to rain being forecasted next week. Minor said corn and soybeans are in good condition; however, more rain is needed. Marie Headley, FSA CED, stated Bibb and Perry Counties are almost finished planting soybeans. Todd stated farmers expect to continue replanting cotton and soybeans. Amanda Ryan, FSA CED, said it is anticipated that cotton, peanut, and soybean plantings may fail due to flooding in Mobile County.

Small Grains: According to Malone, wheat harvest is complete in Marion and Winston Counties. Minor confirmed producers in Morgan County harvesting wheat very rapidly.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone reported wet conditions contributed to the improvement of fescue pastures. Minor said producers are yielding above normal yields for hay, and some pastures conditions are deteriorating due to the lack of rainfall. Dorrough said pastures and hayfield continue to produce far less forage than needed, but predicted rainfall should improve conditions for a brief period of time. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, confirmed pastures and hayfields being in good conditions throughout Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Headley mentioned livestock producers are concerned about dry pastures in Bibb and Perry Counties.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, June 4, 2012, to
Sunday, June 10, 2012
(7 days)**

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

| Name | City | State | Average Mean Temperature Value (°F) | Total Precipitation Value (in.) |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alexander City | Alexander City | AL | 72.9 | 1.53 |
| Anniston Metro Ap | Anniston | AL | 73.6 | 1.86 |
| Bankhead Lock & Dam | Bankhead | AL | 76.3 | 0.8 |
| Bessemer 3 Wsw | Bessemer | AL | 74.4 | 1.32 |
| Birmingham Area | Birmingham | AL | 75.2 | 0.93 |
| Enterprise 4 W | Enterprise | AL | 76.2 | 4.78 |
| Evergreen | Evergreen | AL | 75.3 | 5.55 |
| Gainesville Lock | Gainesville | AL | 76.1 | 0.59 |
| Geneva #2 | Geneva | AL | 77 | 5.63 |
| Guntersville | Guntersville | AL | 72.6 | 3.28 |
| Haleyville | Haleyville | AL | 72.6 | 1.7 |
| Hamilton 3 S | Hamilton | AL | 71 | 3.2 |
| Huntsville Area | Huntsville | AL | 73.8 | 0.62 |
| Mobile Area | Mobile | AL | 79.2 | 10.51 |
| Montgomery Area | Montgomery | AL | 76.6 | 1.58 |
| Muscle Shoals Ap | Muscle Shoals | AL | 74.6 | 0.62 |
| Robertsdale | Robertsdale | AL | 78.8 | 6.9 |
| Rock Mills | Rock Mills | AL | 73 | 1.69 |
| Russellville #2 | Russellville | AL | 73.6 | 1.18 |
| Scottsboro | Scottsboro | AL | 71.1 | 3.71 |
| Selma | Selma | AL | 75.1 | 1.17 |
| Sylacauga 4 Ne | Sylacauga | AL | 72.6 | 0.45 |
| Talladega | Talladega | AL | 72.8 | 1.35 |

U.S. Drought Monitor, June 11, 2012

National Weather Service

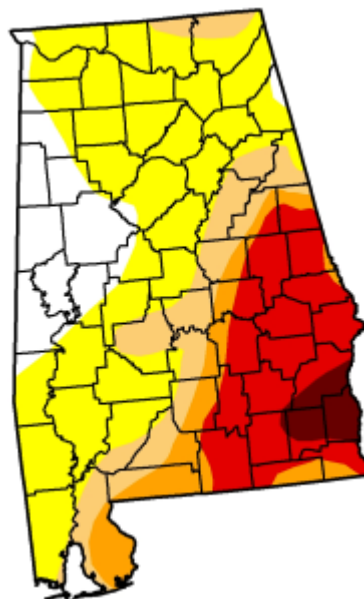
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 13.63 | 86.37 | 42.22 | 29.08 | 20.84 | 2.85 |
| Last Week (05/29/2012 map) | 12.03 | 87.97 | 50.00 | 27.98 | 20.67 | 2.85 |
| 3 Months Ago (03/06/2012 map) | 55.14 | 44.86 | 31.62 | 19.53 | 12.03 | 2.67 |
| Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map) | 39.32 | 60.68 | 49.64 | 27.97 | 14.47 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map) | 52.55 | 47.45 | 39.68 | 29.11 | 14.38 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago (05/31/2011 map) | 33.25 | 66.75 | 43.51 | 34.26 | 13.15 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



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